

# Coordinated Transit Planning

The Mississippi Experience

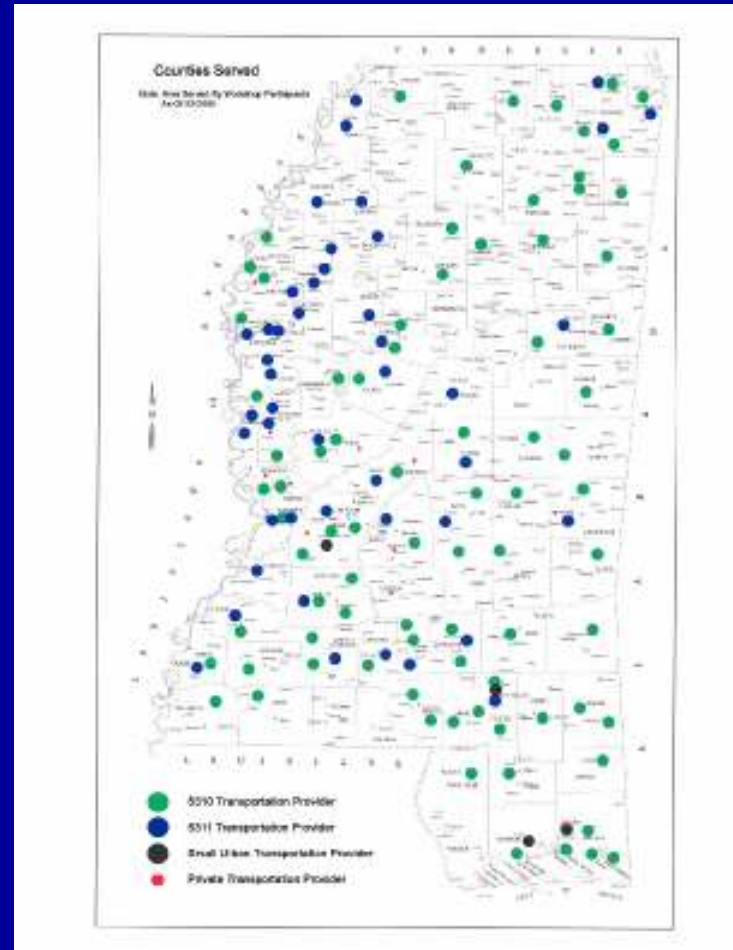
# Coordination

- A “Process” through which stakeholders from different agencies, organizations and client groups work together to achieve one or all of the following goals:
  - More efficient service delivery
  - More cost effective service delivery
  - Increased capacity
  - Easier access
  - A better quality of life

# Today's Situation

- Coordination does exist in our State  
( e.g. coordinated providers, shared vehicles, contracts)
- History of coordination includes  
Interagency agreements, joint project selection (ITC) and work groups
- More must be done

# Transit Providers



# Why don't we have “the answer ?”

- The level and effectiveness of coordination achieved and process of getting there is often unique to each region
- Local needs and resources must be considered
- Original assumptions may no longer be valid

# Coordinated Planning: A Six Step Process

- Understand Requirements/Opportunities
- Identify/ Educate Stakeholders
- Get Initial “Buy IN”
- Implement Regional Planning Process
- Promoting process and products thru success
- Modify MDOT Policies and Procedures

# Step 1-Understand Requirements/Opportunities

- Participated in Listening Sessions
- MTAP/DOT Roundtable at CTAA
- Gathered information from other States
- Provided comments on proposed guidance

## Step 2-Identify/Educate Stakeholders

- Met with Interagency Advisory Committee
- Statewide United We Ride Meeting – Feb.2006
- Presentation before Legislative BORPSAT
- Participated in Statewide Coordination Coalition
- CTAA's Coordination Institute





July 31-August 3, 2006  
Washington, D.C.

# The Objective

To enhance mobility for all  
by  
supporting communities in their effort to deliver coordinated  
human services transportation.

# How to Achieve This Objective?

- Give community representatives the opportunity to work together as a team
- Educate teams on the steps to coordination
- Promote networking among teams
- Foster understanding across disciplines
- Support the teams after the Institute with technical assistance and close follow-up

# The Process

- 20 teams were selected from 43 applications
- Teams came from 17 states—representing rural, urban, suburban, and statewide communities
- Mississippi was one of three statewide teams

# Mississippi State Team

## Vision Statement

A network of inclusive, seamless, coordinated transportation systems that are accessible, reliable and promotes independence through a continuous strategic planning process

# Mississippi's Team

- Workforce Development
- Health Care
- Aging and Adult Services
- Public Transit Operator
- Disability Advocacy
- Regional Planning Body

# Mississippi State Team

## Action Plan Highlights

- Apply for CTAA and MDOT technical assistance and planning grants
- Governor's proclamation & media blitz
- Legislative information campaign
- Participate in Mississippi Transportation Coalition
- Presentations at meetings and conferences (e.g. Statewide Coordination, MPTA; MS Long-Term Care; MS Municipal League and PDD Conferences)

# Step 3-Getting Initial “Buy IN”

- Mass mailing of Statewide Action Plans
- Identified lead entity for regional planning meetings
- Focused on Planning and Development Districts (PDD's) and County Supervisors
- Correspondence from MDOT Executive Director targeted to PDD Directors, Presidents of County Boards of Supervisors and State Agency Heads
- Meetings with Human Service Agency Exec's
- Application Workshops



## Step 4-Implement Regional Planning Process

- Established Regional Planning Groups
- Regional coordinated planning meetings- May thru August 2006
- Compiled Regional Plans- based on Framework For Action Community Assessments
- Disseminated Regional Plans to revised stakeholder universe

# Step 5-Promoting Process and Products

- Statewide Coordination Summit
- Regional Advisory Group Meetings
- Identify Regional Planning Resources:
  - Contract with Jackson State University for data collection
  - Planning funds programmed for regional groups
  - Coordinate statewide and regional initiatives (e.g. *Mississippi Rides and Delta Rides*)

## Step 6- Modify Policies and Procedures

- Revise 5310 and 5311 applications
- Expand the ITC
- Revise project selection criteria
- Update State Management Plan

# Next Steps

- Share University research with regional groups
- Revise regional plans based on MDOT's Plan Template
- Regional Coordinated Community Transportation Plans adopted by:
  - Regional groups
  - PDD's
  - MPO's
- Statewide Transit Plan